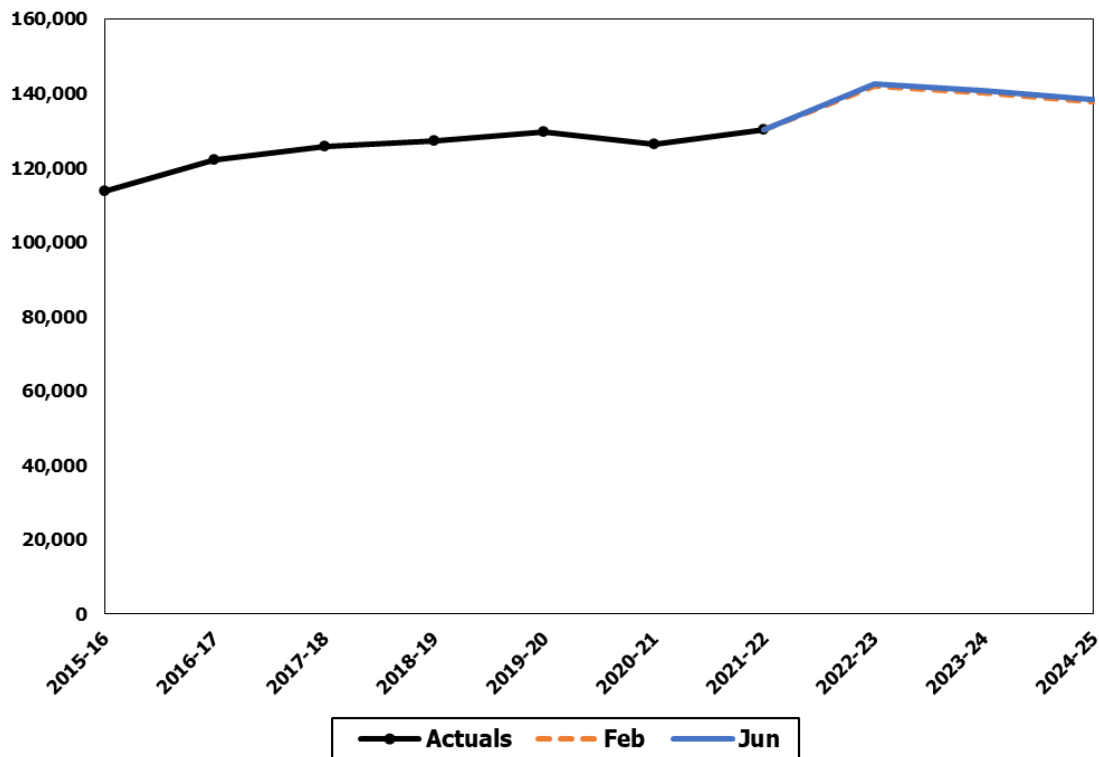


Common Schools Bilingual Education

Caseload Forecast Council
June 14, 2023

Bilingual Education Average Annual Enrollment (HC)



The Common School Bilingual Education caseload forecast consists of students enrolled in the Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program (TBIP). The goal of the TBIP program is to develop a student's proficiency in the English language.

Forecast Comparisons (Academic Year Averages)

Academic Year	Feb-23 Forecast	Jun-23 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2023	141,847	142,489	642	0.5%
2024	140,002	140,619	617	0.4%
2025	137,609	138,215	606	0.4%

Compared to February, the June 2023 forecast is, on average, 642 students or 0.5 percent higher for academic year 2022-23 and 611 students or 0.4 percent higher for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Feb-23	Actual	Variance	Percent
	Forecast			Variance
Feb-23	143,022	143,866	844	0.6%
Mar-23	143,746	144,761	1,015	0.7%
Apr-23	144,074	145,180	1,106	0.8%
May-23	144,679	146,110	1,431	1.0%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 1,099 cases or 0.8 percent above the February forecast.

Academic Year Caseload Change

Academic Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
2015-16	113,676		
2016-17	122,074	8,398	
2017-18	125,775	3,701	3.0%
2018-19	127,154	1,379	1.1%
2019-20	129,601	2,447	1.9%
2020-21	126,427	-3,174	-2.4%
2021-22	130,199	3,772	3.0%
2022-23	142,489	12,290	9.4%
2023-24	140,619	-1,870	-1.3%
2024-25	138,215	-2,404	-1.7%

The TBIP forecast is sensitive to testing, job growth, US immigration policies and VISA processing, and families moving to Washington State from other US states. The COVID-19 pandemic and the move to remote/hybrid instruction lowered the 2020-21 caseload. By 2021-22, the caseload recovered as children returned from remote/hybrid and the state implemented a new screener. In 2022-23, the caseload is forecasted to grow 9.4 percent, or 12,290 students. Much of the growth is explained by fewer students demonstrating proficiency on the spring exam, a requirement for program exit. Student performance was impacted by both pandemic learning loss and implementation of a new proficiency exam. Exit rates are forecasted to slowly improve over the 2023-25 biennium. Also in 2022-23, the caseload increased by an estimated 3,000 Ukrainian refugee children. Washington State is considered a preferred resettlement location for Ukrainian refugees in America.

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the Bilingual Education forecast are high given the implementation of a new testing system, COVID-19, and changes in immigration policy and processing of immigrant VISAs.

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